## GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

# THE PROUD BOYS

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# 102

cases. 70 cases linked to the events of January 6, 2021, of which 17 are charged with assault and 18 of which are charged with conspiring to obstruct the congressional proceeding.

#### NUMBERS BY STATE

To date, 27 states have had at least one charge within their borders



AL	1	IL	1	ОН	1
AZ	5	KS	4	OR	5
CA	4	MA	2	PA	8
со	2	MD	3	SC	1
DC	2	мо	2	ΤN	3
FL	19	NC	1	ТХ	2
GA	1	NH	1	VA	3
ні	1	NJ	4	WA	10
IA	1	NY	14	WV	1



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## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

#### **Enrique Tarrio**

Date: March 8, 2022 Age: 38

State: Florida

Enrique Tarrio, a 38-year-old resident of Miami, Florida, was arrested and charged with seven counts stemming from his alleged involvement in the breach of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Tarrio, the former national chairman of the Proud Boys, is charged alongside Proud Boys leaders Joseph Biggs, Ethan Nordean, Zachary Rehl and Charles Donohoe, as well as Dominic Pezzola, who is accused of breaking an exterior window of the U.S. Capitol with a stolen riot shield during the events of January 6. The indictment alleges that Tarrio played a central role in the conspiracy by the Proud Boys to travel to the U.S. Capitol on January 6 and ultimately breach the building as part of broader efforts to obstruct the congressional proceeding. On January 4, 2021, Tarrio was arrested in Washington, D.C., and charged with possession of two large capacity magazines, as well as with destruction of property stemming from his theft and burning of a Black Lives Matter banner from Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. in December of 2020. After leaving Washington, D.C. following his arrest, Tarrio is alleged to have continued to communicate with the leadership of the Proud Boys in their operational planning to obstruct the congressional proceeding on January 6, 2021.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Tarrio Indictment, Government Memorandum in Support of Motion for Detention

## **Micajah Jackson**

Date: March 24, 2022 Age: 25 State: Arizona

A federal judge in the District of Columbia sentenced Micajah Jackson, a 25-year-old resident of Laveen, Arizona, to

36 months probation for parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol Building. Jackson, who had previously pleaded guilty to a one-count information, was photographed marching towards the U.S. Capitol with a group of selfidentified Proud Boys on January 6, 2021, including Proud Boys leadership. Numerous screenshots from U.S. Capitol CCTV and from livestreams that day show Jackson on restricted Capitol grounds and entering the Capitol building itself. Jackson's social media posts in the aftermath of January 6 claimed he was facing an investigation driven by "political persecution," denied supporting the Proud Boys or his ideology, and claimed to have evidence that showed "BLM, Antifa, DC Cops, and Non Trump extremist causing the mayhem." Jackson as ultimately charged in May 2021, and pleaded guilty in March 2022.

Sources: Jackson Plea Agreement, Jackson Statement of Offense, AZ Central

#### **Jeffrey Finley**

Date: April 6, 2022 Age: 29 State: West Virginia

Jeffrey Finley, a 29-year-old resident of Martinsburg, West Virginia, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds in relation to his conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6,

2021. Evidence presented by the government shows Finley, the president of a West Virginia chapter of the Proud Boys, marching alongside other Proud Boys as the crowd tore down barricades and moved onto the restricted grounds of the Capitol. Finley followed Proud Boys leadership, including Ethan Nordean and Zachary Rehl, as the group moved up to the upper west terrace of the Capitol. Finley entered the Capitol, taking photos with members of the Philadelphia chapter of the Proud Boys before exiting the building and leaving Capitol grounds. Finley was arrested and charged in March 2021.

Sources: Finley Plea Agreement, Finley Statement of Offense, WV Metro News

## **Ricky Willden**

Date: April 7, 2022 Age: 39 State: California

Ricky Willden, a 39-year-old resident of Oakhurst, California, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers, in relation to his conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Willden, a self-proclaimed member of the Proud Boys, admitted to being present on restricted Capitol grounds with a small green canister which contained a chemical irritant. While near the East Columbus doors to the Capitol building, Willden sprayed U.S. Capitol Police officers with the chemical irritant, before throwing the canister at the officers. Willden would later enter the Capitol building, ultimately walking into the Rotunda before leaving shortly after. Willden was arrested and indicted in June 2021.

Sources: Willden Plea Agreement, Willden Statement of Offense, Law & Crime

## **Charles Donohoe**

Date: April 8, 2022 Age: 33 State: North Carolina

Charles Donohoe, a 33-year-old resident of Kernersville, North Carolina, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding and to assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers. Donohoe, President of his local Proud Boys chapter in North Carolina, is a fourth-degree member of the Proud Boys, the highest 'rank' within the organization. In pleading, Donohoe admitted that he plotted with the leadership cadre of the Proud Boys – including co-defendants Enrique Tarrio, Ethan Nordean, and Joe Biggs – to mobilize Proud Boys to the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, to prevent the certification of the Electoral College vote. Donohoe's plea agreement and statement of offense demonstrate the extensive pre-planning that transpired at the highest levels of the Proud Boys hierarchy in order to organize and conduct their operations on January 6. Donohoe's plea also explicitly notes that his actions on restricted Capitol grounds on January 6, including interactions and communications with Proud Boys leadership and co-conspirators like Dominic Pezzola, were undertaken with the stated goal of preventing the certification of the Electoral College vote.

#### **Timothy O'Malley**

Date: April 12, 2022 Age: 63 State: Florida Timothy O'Malley, a 63-year-old resident of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 24 months probation for his illegal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. O'Malley, a self-identified member of the Proud Boys who pleaded guilty in December 2021 to parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building, admitted to traveling to the Capitol from Florida to protest Congress' certification of the Electoral College. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, O'Malley, wearing softball batting helmet with a face guard adorned with a sticker saying "Trump is my President," entered onto restricted Capitol grounds and filmed himself illegally entering the Capitol building. While inside, O'Malley was at the front of a group of rioters which confronted a line of police officers attempting to prevent the crowd from going deeper into the Capitol building. O'Malley was arrested and charged in June 2021.

**Sources:** O'Malley Government Sentencing Memorandum, O'Malley Defense Sentencing Memorandum, O'Malley Judgment, Northwest Florida Daily News

#### **Barry Ramey**

Date: April 22, 2022 Age: 38 State: Florida

Barry Ramey, a 38-year-old resident of Plantation, Florida, was arrested and charged in the District of Columbia with assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon, civil disorder, engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds with a dangerous weapon, and related offenses stemming from his alleged conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Court filings allege that Ramey was present on Capitol grounds and used pepper spray against law enforcement officers on an exterior stairwell of the Capitol building. Ramey was initially identified as the owner of a cell phone which was present on restricted Capitol grounds, with that number ultimately matching the information on a master list of Southern Florida Proud Boys obtained by law enforcement from multiple confidential human sources. Following the events of January 6, law enforcement attempted to interview Ramey in Florida, with one FBI special agent leaving a business card with his contact information. Court records note that this agent then received a series of calls and messages in April 2022, believed to have been made by Barry Ramey, which included sensitive private information regarding the agent's home address and the VIN address of a vehicle previously owned by the agent.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Ramey Statement of Facts, Miami New Times

#### Luis Enrique Colon

Date: April 27, 2022

#### **Age:** 44

State: Missouri

Luis Enrique Colon, a 45-year-old resident of Blue Springs, Missouri, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to obstructing law enforcement officers during a civil disorder. Colon was originally charged in February 2021 alongside five other members of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chapter of the Proud Boys for their alleged role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The group of six were indicted on conspiracy charges and accused of conspiring to obstruct the congressional proceeding and related charges. In pleading, Colon stated he was a first-degree member of the Proud Boys, and that he and his co-defendants traveled to Washington, D.C., with Colon and another defendant bringing firearms in their vehicle to the D.C. area. Once in Washington, D.C. on January 5, Colon purchased and modified an axe handle "to be used as both a walking stick and a weapon." Colon's statement of offense notes that he and his co-defendants entered the Capitol building illegally, and obstructed law enforcement efforts to close a series of retractable doors inside the Capitol. Colon's co-defendants have pleaded not guilty, and their cases are pending in the District of Columbia.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Colon Plea Agreement, Colon Statement of Offense, KMBC